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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 31 May 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-28 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-28 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 31 May 2001 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

The changes made to 35 U.S.C. 102(e) by the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA) and the Intellectual Property and High Technology Technical Amendments Act of 2002 do not apply when the reference is a U.S. patent resulting directly or indirectly from an international application filed before November 29, 2000. Therefore, the prior art date of the reference is determined under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) prior to the amendment by the AIPA (pre-AIPA 35 U.S.C. 102(e)).

1. Claims 1-28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being unpatentable by Lenmon et al (U.S. 2002/0107973).

As per claims 1,11,16,21 Lenmon disclosed An access control method for verifying a user's access to a network, comprising the steps: upon receiving an indication signifying that said user is attempting to access said network using a multimedia appliance, invoking a multimedia session) engine to launch a network access application (Page. 27, Paragraph. 0300); interrogating said user by an access application server associated with said network; receiving a multimedia

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response from said user responsive to said interrogating step; determining if said multimedia response is valid; and if so, granting permission to said user with respect to accessing said network (Page. 23, Paragraph. 0250-0251).

2. As per claims 2,18 Lenmon disclosed wherein said user is remotely located with respect to said network (Page. 4, Paragraph. 0068).

3. As per claims 3,24-25 Lenmon disclosed wherein said multimedia response from said user comprises an audio response responsive to said interrogating step (Page. 25, Paragraph. 0273).

4. As per claims 4,26 Lenmon disclosed wherein said multimedia response comprises a video input of said user in response to said interrogating step (Page. 22, Paragraph. 0243).

5. As per claims 5,27 Lenmon disclosed wherein said video input comprises a live picture of said user (Page. 2, Paragraph. 0243).

6. As per claims 6,14,20,23 Lenmon disclosed further comprising the steps: upon granting permission to said user with respect to accessing said network, re-interrogating said user after a time period; receiving a response from said user responsive to said re-interrogating step; and if said response from said user not valid, terminating said user's access to said network (Page. 22, Paragraph. 0243).

7. As per claims 7,13,19 Lenmon disclosed wherein said response from said user comprises at least one of an audio response, a video input, a device input effectuated via said multimedia appliance, and a biometric ID input of said user (Page. 2, Paragraph. 0243).

8. As per claim 8 Lenmon disclosed wherein said network comprises a corporate computer network, and further wherein said re-interrogating step is effectuated by a human operator associated with said corporate computer network (Page. 3, Paragraph 0061).

9. As per claims 9,15 Lenmon disclosed wherein said network comprises a corporate computer network, and further wherein said re-interrogating step is effectuated by an automated access control apparatus associated with said corporate computer network (Page. 3, Paragraph. 0063).

10. As per claim 10 Lenmon disclosed wherein said network comprises a home network, and further wherein said re-interrogating step is effectuated by an access control application server associated with a public network that serves said user (Page. 22, Paragraph. 0245).

11. As per claims 12,17,22 Lenmon disclosed wherein said network portion comprises a network selected from the group consisting of a corporate network, a home network, a small business network, and a private enterprise network (Page. 3, Paragraph. 0061).

12. As per claim 28 Lenmon disclosed wherein said multimedia response further includes providing a still photograph of said user (Page. 27, Paragraph. 0305).

Conclusion

13. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communication from the examiner should be directed to Adnan Mirza whose telephone number is (703)-305-4633.

14. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday during normal business hours.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Dharia Rupal can be reached on (703)-305-4003. The fax for this group is (703)-746-7239.

15. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are as follows:

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(703)-746-7239 (For Official Communications Intended for entry, please mark "EXPEDITED PROCEDURE"),

(703)-746-7238 (For After Final Communications).

16. Any Inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703)-305-3900.

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